IN

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OF

That Faithful DISCIPLE

OF THE

LORD

WILLIAM ECHO,

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Who fell asleep in the Lord the 13 of

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ALL *Sions* Members should be friends in trust
To keep up some remembrance of the Just,
The Lord so order, and direct my heart,
That in his *Wisdom* I may have a part.
This gracious *Soul* that now attends upon
the *King* of *Kings* in his Imperial Throne:
As if he knew his *Travels* here to be
Near their full *period*, left this *Legacie*,
To his surviving friends, which here I do
Impart (though weakly) Reader, unto you.

Upon the *Lords* day ere he sickned, he
Pres'd that our graces should enliv'ned be;
And those things strengthened, that are like to die,
That Gods just anger might be turned away.
To *Watchfulness* he strongly did exhort,
Least by surprize the Lord should cut us short;
And then to such as have *backsliders* been,
Show'd their damn'd state, if grace steps not between
To work *Repentance*, that its healing *Grace*
That in the Gospel has so high a place
Then as that one thing needful, did discern

In *Faith*, *Sincerity* and *Holyness*, — *Rom.*3.28.
The threefold *Path* that leads to happiness; *Rom.* 14.
Without the *first*, no man can please the Lord 23.
As he hath told us in his Holy Word; *Josh.* 24.
And *holiness* bespeaks a reall Saint, 14.
Whose high profession's *substance*, and not *paint*; 1*Cor.*1.12
Sincerity, a pleasing lustre casts, *Psal.*93.5.
Its sweet unblemish'd beauty never wasts; *Heb.*12.14
It seasons duty, and supplys the wants *Heb.*11.6.
Of many taking outward Ornaments: *Mat.*6.30.
Then on the other side he did express,
The dread of being contrary to these,
As, *Faithless*, *Formal*, *Hypocritical*,
Which from the Lord for heavy Vengeance call;
For *Unbelief*'s the great condemning Sin *Heb.*3.19.
That barrs a soul from Heaven, and tumbles in
Millions of Spirits to a Hell of horror
To feel the Wrath of God in endless terror:
Therefore be that in Christ will have a share,
Must of that dreadful sin have special care,
Hypocrisy, though of a specious hew,
Yet tis as plain, and naked to the view, *Pro.* 15. 3
And notice of the highest Majesty
As are the Sunbeams to a seeing eye,
Therefore though some dissemble to their cost,
Yet all their labour to deceive is lost:
How then are we concern'd to try our hearts,
Least this sad plague infect our better parts!
Formality's the Alamode in fashion;
The Lord assist us to make preparation
To 'scape the Judgments that the Lord will reach
To such prophaners of his name; that teach
Men empty forms of *Godliness*, but want
The power of Faith, the blessed'st *Ornament*. 2*Tim.*3.15

About an hour before he yielded up
His breath, and longing with his Christ to sup;
He with great Courage strivd to enter at
The narrow Portals of the straiter Gate;
Courting th'attention of his Auditory
To sing forth Praises to their Makers glory; *Psal.*10.4.

1 Cor. 15. 42. That when Rebellious, Sinful Man had lost
His Makers Image, and no other Coſt
Could re-inſtamp it, but the bloud o' th' Lamb;
Phil. 2. 7. He in the form of a poor *Slaver* came,
To clear *Believers* from that horrid guilt,
And cleanſe his Creatures from a Sink of filth;
Tit. 3. 5. The glorious working of *Regeneration*,
He told us muſt be th'only *preparation*
To fit us Mortals for *Divine Communion*,
With God in Chriſt through the bleſt Spirits *Union*.
Iſa. 48. 10. He told us that for bleſſed ends our God
Makes us acquainted with *afflictions* Rod;
Pſal. 23. 4. The *Staff* of his ſupport he found always
Afforded matter for his Saviours praiſe.
For his *Relations* both in fleſh and ſpirit,
He pray'd that they thoſe graces ſhould inherit,
Which *Chriſt* beſtows upon the faithful ſoul
That leaves himſelf, and will on *Mercy* role.
Iſai 55. 7. He ſaw his *Sins* before him largely ſpread,
Micah 7. 18. Yet all in *Chriſt* bloud freely pardoned.
He with great fervour did beholders call,
To be joyn'd to the *Body* myſtical;
For though ſome bones ſeem to be out of Joynt,
1 John 2. 27. *Chriſt* has a ſaving vertue to anoynt,
Jer. 8. 22. Till they are ſound. He ſaid none could endure
Mat. 7. 24. Unto the end, unleſs their ſtanding's ſure
25. 26. 27. Upon the *Rock* of *Ages*, Winds will toſs
All other bottoms with a diſmal loſs.
Nothing but that, (and that) will ſurely ſave,
If we an Intereſt int's *Attonement* have;
He did exhort us to amend our *pace*,
Ecc. 12. 1. And not to loyter in our Chriſtian *race*;
Eph. 5. 16. For times a ſliding Talent, and grim Death,
We know not when will take away this breath
1 Cor. 15. 55, 56. That's now ſo laviſht. O the ſting of horror!
That doth attend this mighty King of terror
But if it once be took away, the ſame
Is onely ſleeping by another name.
Now you that hear theſe weighty dying words
And ſavour what this *Legacy* affords,
That ſhape your Journey through the path of grace,
Till you converſe with *Jeſus* face to face.

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